

New Hampshire Department of Transportation  
Bureau Of Highway Maintenance

**Four Ranking Criteria for Determining  
Relative Significance of Environmental Aspects**  
**EIP-2-Form 2c**

A. Degree of impact on human health or the environment.

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| 4 | High impact. Issue of an urgent nature, will cause immediate and detrimental impact on the environment.    |
| 3 | Medium impact. Moderate impact. May require additional action or monitoring.                               |
| 2 | Low impact. Minor impact on human health or the environment. Would probably not require additional action. |
| 1 | No impact on human health or the environment.  |

B. Degree of concern by regulators, employees, the community or the public.

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| 4 | Regulated aspect/environmental permit. Subject of a NHDOT policy or management goal. High degree of visibility or concern by employees or the public. |
| 3 | Non-regulated but environmental impacts possible. Moderate degree of visibility or concern by employees or the public.                                |
| 2 | Non-regulated. Minor degree of visibility or concern by employees or the public.  |
| 1 | Non-regulated. Issues never raised as a concern by employees or the public.   |

C. Frequency or likelihood of Impact occurring.

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| 4 | Continuous - Impact occurs on an on-going basis.  |
| 3 | Frequent - Impact occurs more than once/month.  |
| 2 | Infrequent - Impact occurs more than once a year but less than monthly.                       |
| 1 | Improbable – Impact almost never occurred in the past and is unlikely to occur in the future. |

D. Degree of NHDOT control or influence (over activity and/or the environmental impact).

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| 4 | High level of control or influence.     |
| 3 | Moderate level of control or influence. |
| 2 | Low level of control or influence.      |
| 1 | No control or influence.                |

("4" is high; "1" is low)

Overall Significance = A + B + C x D

40 = High Significance

25-39 = Moderate Significance

< 25 = Minor Significance